**Agreement with Netherlands on the Green Hyderabad**

1771. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement for assistance has been signed for the Green Hyderabad Project with Netherlands recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B ALAS AHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Grant Agreement was signed on 12/4/2001 by the Government of India with the Netherlands Government for the Inception Phase of the Green Hyderabad Programme under which an assistance of Netherlands Guilder (NLG) 64,82,620 (approx. Rs. 11,35,31,000) will be provided by the Netherlands Government.

The purpose of the Inception Phase is preparation of the main phase of the "Green Hyderabad Programme 2001-2005", which in turn seeks to achieve sustainable improvement of the environment which includes urban areas of Hyderabad and Secunderabad and some semi-urban areas and Gram Panchayats.

The Inception Phase is expected to be completed by 30.9.2001.

**Opening of cooperative banks in Assam**

1772. SHRl PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open cooperative banks in Assam;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B ALAS AHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that three proposals have been received from groups of promoters for setting up of urban (primary) co-operative banks in Assam. These are-Union Co-operative Bank Ltd. (ASCARD), Guwahati; Sualkuchi Co-operative Bank Ltd., Kamrup and Citizen Co-operative Bank Ltd., Guwahati. Certain clarifications have been sought from the promoters of Sualkuchi Cooperative Bank and Citizen